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Mental Health

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OPEN SPOT EXAMINATION FOR ATASCADERO, COALINGA, METROPOLITAN, NAPA AND PATTON STATE HOSPITALS AND VACAVILLE PSYCHIATRIC PROGRAM

DIETETIC TECHNICIAN (SAFETY)

The Department of Mental Health is an Equal Employment Opportunity employer committed to ensuring the rights of every applicant and employee to work in an environment free from unlawful discrimination and harassment and without regard to race, color, sex/pregnancy, gender, age, religion, marital status, national origin, ancestry, disability, medical condition, political affiliation or opinion, or sexual orientation.

It is the objective of the State of California to achieve a drug-free state workplace. Any applicant for State employment will be expected to behave in accordance with this objective because the use of illegal drugs is inconsistent with the law of the State, the rules governing civil service, and the special trust placed in public servants.

EXAMINATION TYPE

This is an open spot examination for the Department of Mental Health, Atascadero, Coalinga, Metropolitan, Napa, and Patton State Hospitals and Vacaville Psychiatric Program. Examination and/or Employment Applications will not be accepted on a promotional basis. Career credits do not apply.

HOW TO APPLY

Please submit an Examination and/or Employment Application (STD. 678) form to the address indicated below. **DO NOT SUBMIT EXAMINATION AND/OR EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION FORMS TO THE STATE PERSONNEL BOARD.**

NOTE: All Examination and/or Employment Application forms must include: "to" and "from" dates (month/day/year); time base; and civil service class titles. Examination and/or Employment Application forms received without this information will be rejected. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of a completed Examination and/or Employment Application (STD. 678) form.

WHERE TO APPLY

MAIL EXAMINATION AND/OR EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION FORMS TO:

ATASCADERO STATE HOSPITAL
EMPLOYMENT OFFICE
10333 EL CAMINO REAL
P.O. BOX 7005
ATASCADERO, CA 93423-7001
(805) 468-3384 / TDD (805) 468-2009

COALINGA STATE HOSPITAL
SELECTION SERVICES UNIT
P.O. BOX 5002
COALINGA, CA 93210
(559) 935-4305 / TDD (559) 935-7120

METROPOLITAN STATE HOSPITAL
SELECTION SERVICES UNIT
11401 SOUTH BLOOMFIELD AVENUE
NORWALK, CA 90650
(562) 863-7011

NAPA STATE HOSPITAL
PERSONNEL OFFICE
2100 NAPA-VALLEJO HIGHWAY
NAPA, CA 94558
(707) 253-5611

PATTON STATE HOSPITAL
HUMAN RESOURCES-EXAMS/HIRING
3102 EAST HIGHLAND AVENUE
PATTON, CA 92369
(909) 425-7000 / TDD (909) 862-5730

VACAVILLE PSYCHIATRIC PROGRAM
SELECTION SERVICES UNIT
P.O. BOX 2297
VACAVILLE, CA 95696
(707) 449-6514

California Relay for the hearing impaired:
From a TDD Phone (800) 735-2929
From a Voice Phone (800) 735-2922

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Final Filing Date: CONTINUOUS

**EXAMINATION
ELIGIBILITY LIMITATION**

A candidate may be tested only once during any testing period. The testing period for this classification is once every 12 months. If you have taken an examination for this classification with the Department of Mental Health, Atascadero, Coalinga, Metropolitan, Napa or Patton State Hospitals or with Salinas Valley or Vacaville Psychiatric Programs within the last 12 months, you are not eligible to compete in this examination.

FINAL FILE DATE

CONTINUOUS TESTING – NO APPLICATION DEADLINE. Testing is considered continuous as examining dates may be set at anytime.

**SPECIAL TESTING
ARRANGEMENTS**

If you have a disability and need special testing arrangements mark the appropriate box on the application and complete the special testing arrangements questionnaire. The Selection Services Unit will contact you to make special testing arrangements.

**IDENTIFICATION
REQUIRED**

Note: Accepted applicants are required to bring either a photo identification card or two forms of signed identification to each phase of the examination.

EXAMINATION DATES

Qualifications Appraisal: Interviews are scheduled as conditions warrant. Candidates are notified, by mail, a minimum of two (2) weeks prior to their scheduled interview.

SALARY RANGE

\$2,746 - \$3,339

The salaries used in the bulletin may not reflect all pay raises or any additional bonuses. You should verify the salary level(s) with the department personnel office before making any commitments.

**REQUIREMENTS FOR
ADMITTANCE TO THE
EXAMINATION**

It is your responsibility to make sure you meet the education and/or experience requirements stated on this announcement on the date you submit your application. Your signature on your Examination and/or Employment Application form indicates that you have read, understood, and possess the basic qualifications required.

NOTE: All applicants must meet the education and/or experience requirements for this examination by the final filing date.

**MINIMUM
QUALIFICATIONS****Either I**

Registration with the Commission on Dietetic Technician Registration of the American Dietetic Association.

Or II

Education: Completion of an American Dietetic Association-approved two-year Dietetic Technician Program, with emphasis in nutritional care or food service management. **and**

Experience: Six months of continuous experience in the practice of dietetics in a health care setting. (Baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university or equivalent degree approved by the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Vocational Education under the provisions of the California Education Code Division 10, Part 59, Chapter 3, which meets the academic requirements as approved by the American Dietetic Association may be substituted for the required experience.) (Applicants who have completed one year of the required education will be admitted to the examination but must complete the education and experience requirements in full before they will be considered eligible for appointment.)

**SPECIAL PERSONAL
CHARACTERISTICS**

Personal cleanliness; good sense of smell and taste; and freedom from communicable diseases.

**SPECIAL PHYSICAL
CHARACTERISTICS**

Possession and maintenance of sufficient strength, agility, and endurance to perform during physically, mentally, and emergency situation and the ability to handle stressful situations encountered on the job without endangering the health and well-being of the incumbent, fellow employees, patients, or the public.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Under the direction of an Assistant Director of Dietetics, the Dietetic Technician (Safety) is responsible for assisting Clinical Dietitians in the development and implementation of nutritional care plans for the patient population in the State hospitals; monitoring patients' tolerance and acceptance of the diet; developing and presenting training programs for food service staff; and doing other related work.

POSITION LOCATION(S)

Atascadero, Coalinga, Metropolitan, Napa, and Patton State Hospitals and Vacaville Psychiatric Program.

**EXAMINATION
INFORMATION**

This examination will consist of a **Qualifications Appraisal weighted 100%**. In order to obtain a position on the eligible list, a minimum rating of 70% must be attained. ***Candidates who do not appear for the interview will be disqualified.***

EXAMINATION SCOPE**Qualifications Appraisal – Weighted 100%****Knowledge of:**

1. Principles, practices, and theories of nutrition and dietetics.
2. Methods of planning, preparing, and serving food to a large number of persons.
3. Special dietary requirement of mentally disabled persons.

Ability to:

1. Apply the principles and practices of nutrition and dietetics.
2. Communicate nutritional data to the health care team and food service employees.
3. Keep records and prepare reports.
4. Analyze situations accurately and adopt an effective course of action.

**ELIGIBLE LIST
INFORMATION**

Departmental open spot eligible lists will be established for the Department of Mental Health, Atascadero, Coalinga, Metropolitan, Napa, and Patton State Hospitals and Vacaville Psychiatric Program. The eligible lists will be used to fill vacancies at Atascadero, Coalinga, Metropolitan, Napa, and Patton State Hospitals and Vacaville Psychiatric Program only. The lists will be in effect for a minimum of 12 months. They will be abolished after 48 months or the completion of a subsequent examination, whichever occurs first.

VETERANS PREFERENCE

Veterans preference credit will be added to the final score of all competitors who are successful in this examination and who qualify for, and have requested, these points.

GENERAL INFORMATION

For an examination without a written feature it is the competitor's responsibility to contact the Department of Mental Health, Selection Services Unit at (916) 654-2351 three weeks after the application deadline date if she/he has not received a progress notice.

If a competitor's notice of oral interview or performance test fails to reach her/him prior to the day of the interview due to a verified postal error, she/he will be rescheduled upon written request.

Examination and/or Employment Application (STD. 678) forms are available at the State Personnel Board, local offices of the Employment Development Department, the Department of Mental Health, and accessible on the internet at www.spb.ca.gov.

If you meet the requirements stated on this bulletin, you may take this examination, which is competitive. Possession of the entrance requirements does not assure a place on the eligible list. Competitors who pass will be ranked according to their scores.

The Department of Mental Health reserves the right to revise the examination plan to better meet the needs of the service if the circumstances under which this examination was planned change. Such revision will be in accordance with civil service law and rules and all competitors will be notified.

Examination Locations: When a written test is part of the examination, it will be given in such places in California as the number of competitors and conditions warrant. Ordinarily oral interviews are scheduled in Sacramento. However, locations of interviews may be extended as conditions warrant.

Eligible Lists: Eligible lists established by competitive examination, regardless of date, must be used in the following order: 1) subdivisional promotional, 2) departmental promotional, 3) multidepartmental promotional, 4) servicewide promotional, 5) departmental open, 6) open. When there are two lists of the same kind, the older must be used first. Eligible lists will expire in one to four years unless otherwise stated on this bulletin.

General Qualifications: Competitors must possess essential personal qualifications including integrity, initiative, dependability, good judgment and ability to work cooperatively with others; and a state of health consistent with the ability to perform the assigned duties of the class. A medical examination may be required. In open examinations, investigation may be made of employment records and personal history and fingerprinting may be required.

Veterans' Preference: California law limits the granting of veterans preference credits to entrance examinations. Veterans, widows, widowers, and the spouse of a disabled veteran may qualify for veterans' preference credits in Open entrance examinations (15 points for disabled veteran; 10 points for other veterans). Applicable points will be added to the final score of all candidates who are successful in this examination, and who qualify for, and have requested these points. Due to changes in the law, which were effective January 1, 1996, **CURRENT CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE ACHIEVED PERMANENT CIVIL SERVICE STATUS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE VETERANS' PREFERENCE CREDITS.** Directions on how to apply for veterans' preference credits are on the Veterans' Preference Application Form (Form 1093) which is available from State Personnel Board Offices, written test proctors, and the Department of Veterans Affairs, P.O. Box 942895, Sacramento, CA 94295-0001.

High School Equivalence: Equivalence to completion of the 12th grade may be demonstrated in any one of the following ways; 1) passing the General Education Development (GED) Test; 2) completion of 12 semester units of college-level work; 3) certification from the State Department of Education, a local school board, or high school authorities that the competitor is considered to have education equivalent to graduation from high school; or 4) for clerical and accounting classes, substitution of business college work in place of high school on a year-for-year basis.

Career Credits: In open, nonpromotional examinations, career credits are granted to: 1) State employees with permanent civil service status, 2) full-time employees of the State who are exempt from State civil service pursuant to the provisions of Section 4 of Article VII of the California Constitution, and who meet all qualification requirements specified by the Board and have 12 consecutive months of service in an exempt position, and 3) individuals who have served one full year in, or are graduates of, the California Conservation Corps (eligibility shall expire 24 months after graduation from the California Conservation Corps). Three points are added to the final test score of those candidates who meet the above criteria, and who are successful in the examination. Such examinations cannot be for managerial positions described in Government Code 3513. Competitors not currently employed in State civil service who have mandatory reinstatement rights may also be eligible for career credits, but they must explain their civil service status in the appropriate section of the Examination and/or Employment Application (STD. 678) form. (Section 4 of Article VII of the California Constitution is posted at the State Personnel Board, 801 Capitol Mall, Sacramento.)

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